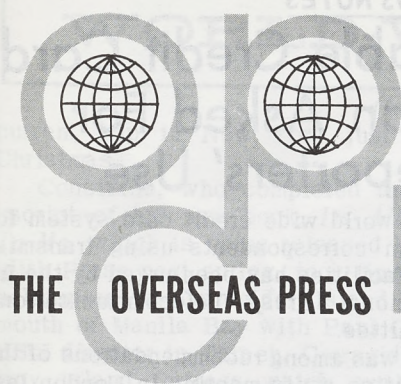




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## PRESS ROLE IN GUN CONTROL LAW ARGUED

Some disagreement was voiced about the responsibility of the press in educating and pressing for firearms control legislation at the recent Book Night on crime and violence.

The press also came in for criticism for contributing to community hysteria, causing miscarriage of justice.

The stated topic for the evening — devoted to *Carl Bakal's The Right to Bear Arms* and *Theon Wright's Rape in Paradise* — was violence and its effect on the community. But the divergent interests of the authors and the moderator, well-known lawyer William Kunstler, turned it into a far-ranging talk about crime in general.

Bakal, whose book was released coincidentally last summer at the time of the nurses' murder in Chicago, called the press "apathetic" in pressing for firearms reforms. "I feel the press has been negligent in covering this 'civil war'," he said. Kunstler echoed his opinion: "Since newspapers are in a position to do more, they *should* do more."

But panel member Dr. David Abrahamson, a criminal psychology expert who has written numerous books on related subjects, indicated he thought assailing the press was just a way of shifting the blame. "Does the press have responsibility? No. They have no more responsibility than any other persons in the country."

Bakal apparently was piqued by the newspapers' choice of news diet on the anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination. A day or so before, he had made a talk citing that since the assassination, 54,000 persons in the US had been killed by guns, a fact he thought would be worth publicizing on the anniversary. He ticked off a list of stories which had appeared in *The New York Times* that day (*The Times* did not choose to publicize his remarks) and derided the choice to use them — mostly stories in the "brightener" category.

"Three years later, nothing has changed," he concluded.

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## World-Wide Ticker

Edited by JERRY KRISKA

MANILA .. from CARLOS A. ANGELES

The powerhouse journalistic triumvirate of the Hearst Headline Service jetted in late in November, in the third leg of a round-the world reportorial assignment. **William Randolph Hearst Jr.**, publisher of the newspaper chain bearing his name, **Bob Considine**, and **Milton Kaplan**, the latter replacing **Frank Conruff** who was Hearst editorial arm in previous journalistic jaunts, met with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos here in the course of a world-wide trip to interview world leaders on the US involvement in Viet Nam.

Prior to the Manila stopover, the trio met with President Park Chung Hee of South Korea and premier Eisaku Sato of Japan. From Manila, they were slated to interview Indonesia's Suharto and Sukarno, South Viet Nam's Premier Ky, and the government leaders of Thailand, India, Turkey, Israel, USSR, Italy, France and the United Kingdom — and end their

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## DISPUTE CONNALLY REMARKS

A wire protesting Texas Gov. John Connally's characterization of Warren Report critics as "journalistic scavengers" has been forwarded to Connally by the OPC.

Club President *Victor Riesel* forwarded the wire directed to him by former OPC President *Richard J.H. Johnston*, along with comment pointing out that Mark Lane, author of *Rush to Judgement* who was singled out in Connally's remarks, was in fact a politician and lawyer rather than a journalist.

"I call your attention specifically to a statement made by Governor Connally that Mark Lane, attorney, is a 'journalistic jackal,'" Johnston's telegram said. "I insist most emphatically that Lane is a lawyer and not a journalist and that his book by his own declaration is a lawyer's estimation of the circumstances surrounding the assassination of the President. This position is delineated clearly in the preface of his book."

Johnston said in his wire that the Club should reject "a suggestion that he is a journalist and can only suggest that if there are 'jackals' in this question they may be found among the legal

profession and not among the profession of journalism."

Connally's remarks were made at a news conference he called last week to affirm his support of Warren Report findings in general. It apparently was prompted by the play *Life Magazine* gave his disagreement with the Warren Commission on whether or not he and President Kennedy had been hit by the same bullet.

## FORECAST: FAIR FOR BOOKLOVERS

Over 100 new 1966 titles by OPC authors will be on sale at special bargain prices at the Dec. 8 Book Fair.

Those coming to the annual sale not only will be able to polish off their Christmas shopping along with their first drink of the evening (bar service stationed nearby) but will be eligible to win some expensive editions as door prizes.

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## NEWS NOTES

### Cable Credit Card Plan Asked For Reporters' Use

A world wide credit card system for foreign correspondents using transmission facilities has been urged by the International Press Telecommunications Committee.

It was among recommendations of the committee at its meeting in London last week. The year-old IPTC was formed by nine international and national press organizations.

The committee also stressed its investigations of use of satellite transmission for news. IPTC plans to consult with the International Telecommunications Union, UNESCO, and other agencies before a UN Outer Space conference in 1967.

At the London meeting, the IPTC authorized its tariffs and facilities subcommittee to investigate the cheapest and quickest methods of using satellite and international cable transmission of news. The IPTC said it will do "everything possible to encourage the International Telecommunications Union to establish a world-wide credit card system for the use of foreign correspondents in all media of communications."

The committee is headed by *Stanford Smith*, general manager of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

### PLAN TO DEVELOP ASIA FOREIGN REPORTERS

Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and East Asian Institute announced Monday a joint program to develop foreign correspondents trained in both journalistic skills and in the languages and cultures of China and Japan, the two countries they will cover.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York announced simultaneously that it will provide the initial financing for the new program through a \$250,000 grant.

Students selected will study at the Journalism School and at the Institute and, in a special feature of the program, will spend a year working as correspondents in either Hong Kong or Tokyo. Those who complete the program successfully will be awarded both a Master's degree in Journalism and a certificate from the Institute.

The entire program will take three years plus possibly a summer or two for students without any background in journalism or Asian studies. Less time will be required for those with applicable training.



# WORLD-WIDE TICKER

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current trip in New York just before Christmas.

Considine, who completed the manuscript of his new book, *Its All News To Me*, which is being released by Meridith Press next spring, took time off to helicopter to Corregidor Island at the mouth of Manila Bay with Paul Garvey, USIS director in Taipei. Corregidor, the tiny island fortress which symbolizes American and Filipino resistance to the Japanese invaders during World War II, is being spruced up for next year's 20th anniversary rites.

**James Linen**, president of Time, Inc., and Mrs. Linen were houseguests of President and Mrs. Marcos during their stay in Manila.

Associated Press, Manila, had a changing of the guard this month. George MacArthur, AP bureau chief, has been transferred to Saigon. Replacing him is Antonio Escoda, formerly AP in Kuala Lumpur.

Your correspondent, Pan Am public relations, Manila, is off for a vacation in the United States late November, and expects to visit two daughters in Los Angeles, California, Cynthia and Cheryl Angeles.

## WASHINGTON. from JESSIE STEARNS

**Clifford Evans**, former producer-moderator, WOR-TV, named head of RKO-General Washington New Bureau, 5100 Wisconsin Avenue. Their local outlet is WGMS.

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**Pauline Frederick**, NBC News UN correspondent, honored by American University "for distinguished service" naming one section of a residence complex for her.

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**James Robinson**, former Far Eastern correspondent from Korea, Japan and Viet Nam, and later Germany for NBC, is now assigned to cover the State Department.

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New officers of Department State Correspondents Association are: Donald H. May, UPI, president; Charles Batchelder, MBS, vice president; Bernard Gwertzman, Washington Evening Star, secretary-treasurer.

Executive Committee members are: Lewis Gulick, AP; John Finney, New York Times; **Joseph C. Harsch**, NBC; Jesse Cook, Time; David Mathew, Reuters; Marina de Medici, Il Tempo; Lenkichi Konishi, Manichi Newspapers, and Spencer Davis, AP.

**Jim Atkins**, named associate editor, National Milk Pictorial, published by the National Milk Producers Federation.

Atkins is former radio-TV editor. Birmingham Post-Herald and News Director, WBRC-TV, Birmingham; freelance correspondent, CBS and NBC, and co-author of *Filming TV News and Documentaries*.

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**Fay Gillis Wells**, Storer Broadcasting Co.; Bonnie Angelo, Time; Frances Lewine, AP; and Margaret Mayer, Dallas Times-Herald; reported on President and Mrs. Johnson's Asian Odyssey to the Women's National Press Club.

## CHARTER FLIERS REPRESENT MAJOR NEWS ORGANIZATIONS

Regular representatives of many top news organizations — all OPC members — are listed to date for the OPC's 1967 Charter Flight to Brussels.

Some of the media represented include WABC, King Features Syndicate, North American Newspaper Alliance, Universal Press Association, Hearst Headline Service, *The New Yorker*, Fairchild Publications, *New York Daily News*, *Newsweek*, Federated Features Inc., and *Aging Magazine*. In addition, many flight members are freelancers for numerous other media.

"It explains in part why members on the flight are invited to specially arranged functions abroad and receive attractive amenities," it was noted by *Madeline D. Ross*, Flight chairman.

The Flight Committee currently is working on many attractive plans for the flight, the Club's sixth. The committee

**Esther Van Wagoner Tufty** was an extra attraction reporting on "Alone in Korea and Viet Nam."

**Sarah McClendon** was chairman of a special press report on President Johnson's Asian Tour at the American Newspaper Women's Club by **Fay Gillis Wells**, **John "Pat" Heffernam**, Reuters News Agency, and **Pye Chamberlayne**, Metro-media, Inc.

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"Salute to Sarah" (McClendon) included praise of the querying reporter by Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Rep. Melvin Laird, R-Wis., chairman, House GOP Policy Committee.

Two and half years ago **Sarah** and her side-kick, **Helen Monberg**, started interviews with top government officials and members of Congress with Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine, being the first to be quizzed by a group of women.

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will give details as these plans become complete. Members are advised to enroll in the Flight early so that they may make the best reservations in hotels, etc., in Europe and partake in any first-come, first-served advantages.

According to the Committee, most of those already registered on the Flight are repeaters, including some who have been on every Flight. One reason given by the Committee is that the plane is never packed; another is that the Flight allows a full month in Europe.

The TWA International Jet leaves New York for Brussels May 17, 1967, arriving May 18. Fliers return from London with a stopover at Shannon, arriving at Kennedy International June 18. Round trip fare is \$285; non-refundable registration fee of \$10 should be made out to OPC Charter Travel.

## NEW YORK SCENE

**Thurs., Dec. 8** — Book Fair, 5 p.m. Books by OPC authors, available at bargain prices in time for Christmas.

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**Wed., Dec. 14** — Nova Scotia Regional Dinner, with Nova Scotia Premier Robert L. Stanfield. 6:30 cocktails, 7:30 dinner.

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**Tues., Dec. 20** — Children's Christmas Party. 4-6 p.m.

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**Tues., Dec. 20** — Bistro International Christmas Cocktail Party. Entertainment. Special Christmas Dinner available. 6 p.m. (Reservations, please.)

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.



## World-Wide Ticker

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Since then the briefing group of 53 women have quizzed 55 newsmaking men and women, resulting in many good stories for our newspapers, magazines, radio stations and TV networks.

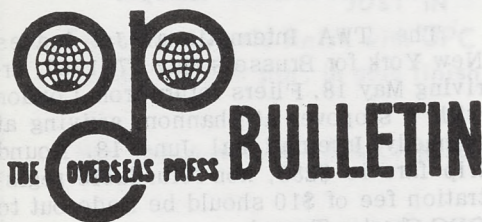
Their constant efforts in providing newsmakers has helped build a rockbed of understanding between important officialdom and the presswomen of Washington.

Alvadee Adams, Editor, US Lady, chaired the committee. Other members were Vera Glaser, NANA; Virginia Kelly, Long Beach Independent; Malvina Stephenson, Tulsa World; Madelaine Wilson, Daily Oklahoman; and Jessie Stearns, Topeka Daily Capital.

### PRAA REUNION DEC. 7

Those who served as war correspondents, public information officers in the armed services, their spouses and friends will reunite with the freewheeling War Department Bureau of the Public Relations Alumni Association on the Club's 10th floor. It marks the 25th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6 p.m.



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BOOK NIGHT PANEL: From left are panelist Dr. David Abrahamson, criminal psychology expert; moderator William Kunstler, lawyer and author; authors Carl Bakal, *The Right to Bear Arms*, and Theon Wright, *Rape in Paradise*. Group discussed pros and cons of press role in crime news.

## PRESS ROLE (Cont'd from page 1)

Theon Wright didn't exclude himself in his criticism of the press handling of the Massie case in Hawaii during the thirties, which he covered. "I didn't make the effort to make the case more understandable," he conceded. His most serious charge was that "newspapers made the blanket assumption that the accusation of Mrs. Massie was true."

The accusation referred to was by Mrs. Thalia Massie, who said she had been raped by five Hawaiian non-whites. The court action against them ended in a mistrial; one of the five subsequently was murdered by a mob which included one of Mrs. Massie's relatives. The murderers were convicted but let off with light sentences (Kunstler pointed out the 10-year sentences were commuted to one hour by the Hawaii governor, under intense pressure from a congressional petition and from the community). The burden of Wright's book was to establish that the accused men couldn't have been guilty of the rape, and that the community, fired by racial passions and goaded by the quality of press presentation, had caused miscarriage of justice.

"This is an example of a society which failed to live up to its obligations," he said.

The bulk of Bakal's comments were directed at the National Rifle Association — as was his book — whose lobby he said has prevented passage of gun control legislation. In the days following the Kennedy assassination, he said, letters to Congress were 10-1 in favor of such legislation. "Then the opposition, the 'sinister influences' took over."

Bakal said a Gallup poll revealed that the American people were 80% in favor of the legislation, yet the idea sends the NRA "into a cold rage."

"This lobby has had its way for decades since the near assassination of President Roosevelt, when there was a similar uproar."

The panel characterized the US as a country of violent tendencies. Abrahamson said that in terms of percentages of murders, this country is more violent than any other civilized country in the world.

"We condone crime," Abrahamson said, then added, "No, we love it."

One of the reasons, he theorized, was the fact that the American competitive system had gone to extremes. The country is large, he said, and built up fast. But, "the great dream has passed and now we see human greed. How can we expect there not to be violence?"

Kunstler's indictment: "Since its inception, this has been a land of violence. There is a great love of guns. It is a country of profound violent tendencies which has plagued it from the beginning."

Kunstler noted that OPC Book Nights have played a major part in his life. It was at the Book Night for his *Minister and the Choir Singer* that Dorothy Kilgallen made a revelation that was used by Sam Sheppard's lawyer, Lee Bailey in getting him released. And at another Book Night, this time for Melvin Belli's book on Jack Ruby, *Dallas Justice*, his negative reaction and his opinion that it was improper to publish a book about a case still in appeal prompted him to accept the Ruby case after Belli became disassociated with it.



## Placement

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Those who have undiscovered/ discovered talent in singing, dancing, playing instruments, etc., should contact Bistro Chairman *Alice Towse*, at YU 6-2177.

### Letters

#### THANKSGIVING THANKS

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## PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: **Gary McEoin** and his wife left Nov. 27 on assignment for Doubleday to Ireland, Mallorca and Spain and then on to Germany and Austria, spending Christmas with their Air Force son near Frankfurt. They will return Dec 27. . . . **Aaron Einfrank**, Toronto Telegram UN bureau chief, back in New York after accompanying Canadian Foreign Minister Paul Martin on a trip to the Soviet Union. Einfrank is scheduled to be transferred to Moscow in June . . . **Russell F. Anderson**, director of European operations for McGraw-Hill, wings into New York from London on Dec. 5 for 10 days' stay . . . **Robert Kleiman** of the NY Times editorial board is back in NY after a European swing that took him to Paris, London, Bonn, Rome, Brussels and Madrid . . . **Barry Bishop** returning to Washington early this month after a 3½-month cruise as public affairs adviser to Rear Admiral C. J. Van Ars-dall, commander of the South Atlantic Force of the Navy . . . Congressman **Lester Wolff** off to Hong Kong to apply for a visa to visit Communist China after receiving authorization from the US State Department for such a visit. His departure was preceded by a press conference on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Clubhouse.

NEW POSTS: **Robert S. Bird**, formerly reporter and correspondent for the NY Herald Tribune, named senior articles editor for national affairs of the Saturday Evening Post . . . **Stanley I. Fischer**, reporter, feature writer and sports columnist of the NY Journal-American, has joined the staff of New York University news bureau as assistant manager . . . **Myron Kandel** appointed editor of the NY Law Journal. He was formerly financial editor of the NY Herald Tribune . . . Recently added to Maco Magazines to head up a new travel department, **Norman Reader** and **Jerome E. Klein** have been named editor and editorial director, respectively, of a new quarterly magazine, *Budget Travel* being published by Maco.

ARTICLES: **Mary Hornaday** has a piece on "Christmas in Bethlehem" in Dec. 1 issue of *Presbyterian Life* . . . **Mary Hemingway** in December *McCall's* with a vignette on "Gift of Love." . . . "Ordeal in Hell's Canyon" by **Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.**, in *American Heritage* for December.

BOOKS: **Bob Considine** is working on his autobiography, "It's All News to Me," due from Meredith Press in March.

QUARTERLY: **Ruth Reynolds'** Sunday features in the NY News, "Did Jus-

tice Triumph?" being compiled in a new quarterly magazine of that name by Gilberton Co.

RADIO & TV: **Arnold G. Fraiman**, Investigations Commissioner, made headline news on **Victor Riesel** Interviews, on WEVD-TV, as did Seymour Thaler, on the N.Y. State hospital crisis . . . **Dan Morris** guested on the Joe Franklin Show (WOR) Nov. 30 . . . **Jack Le Vien**, having successfully produced a film on the life of the Duke of Windsor, is continuing his flirtation with royalty with plans to film a 26-part television series on the royal families of the world. The first installment, he hopes, will be ready

for airing in a year's time.

HONORS: **Peter Arnett** won honorable mention in the reporting category at the annual awards presented by the AP Managing Editors Association to AP staffers at its annual convention . . . **Mrs. Alice Rogers Hager** and **Miss Jackie Martin**, who received the Order of the Southern Cross from the Brazilian government in 1961, were this year awarded the Medal of Merit of Santos Dumont by the Brazilian Air Force during the ceremonies marking its 25th anniversary.

ENGAGED: **Daniel Schorr** to Miss Lisbeth Bamberger, deputy director of the health division of the Office of Economic Opportunity. They plan to be married in January.

SEEN IN THE GRILL: A.V. Caudery, *Punch* Magazine director, as the guest of **Abel E. Kessler**.

## Membership

### NEW MEMBERS ACTIVE

**Elliot Bernstein** — Bureau Chief, ABC News Saigon, Viet Nam.

**Joseph Fabry** — Photographer, Time-Life International, Caracas, Venezuela.

**Henry Giniger** — Correspondent, The New York Times, Mexico, Central America & Caribbean.

**Frederick Harmon** — Editor in Chief, International Management, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., London, England.

**Robert Lackenbach** — Staff Photographer, Black Star Publishing Co., Berlin Germany.

**David Michael Mazie** — South American correspondent, Minneapolis Tribune, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Nathan Miller** — Chief of Bureau, The Baltimore Sun, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Anthony Polsky** — Freelance, Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific.

**Melvin J. Storz Sr.** — Executive, McGraw-Hill Publications, Inc., New York, New York.

### ASSOCIATE

**Warren H. Goodman** — Director of PR, The Port of New York Authority; (F) Time Magazine, Modern Plastics Magazine.

**Howard L. Katzander** — Director, Editorial Services, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts; (F) Yank Magazine, New York Times, Chicago Sun-Times, Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Trudi Novina** — Home Furnishings Publicity Director, Donald Degnan Associates, Inc., New York, New York; (F) N.Y. World Telegram & Sun.

**Henri Senber** — News Manager, N.Y. Telephone Co., New York; (F) N.Y. Morning Telegraph.

**Frank Tannenbaum** — Director, University Seminars, Columbia University, New York.



PLAYGOERS: OPCers **Dorothy Omansky**, **Jim Sheldon** and **Adele Nathan** greet actress-writer **Cornelia Otis Skinner** (third from left) at OPC presentation of "Lady on the Rocks," playlet on alcoholism, put on under Family Service Association auspices.